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München, 31.07.2012

**Maintenance Fee Payment for US-Patent No. 6,177,021**  
**Payer Number: 000903 – Deposit Account Number 05-1403**

Dear Sirs,

We arranged payment of maintenance fee for patent no. 6,177,021 on July 23, 2012 – see enclosed Maintenance Fee Statement.

According to the US-patent register status for the above mentioned patent is currently small and, thus, our deposit account no. 05-1403 was charged with maintenance fee for a Small-Entity patent only.

However, our client informed us that patent owner is no longer qualified as a small business concern or individual or non-profit organization. Attached please find a copy of our client's request for change of entity status.

The English translation of the email is:

*Dear Mr.s Prell-Bscheid,*  
*as mentioned in our letter dated April 16, 2012, we kindly ask you to pay 12th annuity for US Patent No. 6177021 with the internal file 2784 which is due on July 23, 2012. The Small Entity status has to be changed to Large Entity. Kindly take necessary steps to arrange the correction.*

*Reminder letter is attached.*

*I wish you and your staff a nice and sunny weekend*

*Best regards*

*Katja Duderstad*

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Thus, maintenance fee for a large entity case should be paid.

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Therefore, we kindly ask you to charge our deposit account no. 05-1403 with the deficiency of US\$ 2,365,00 and to cancel the Small-Entity-Status for patent no. 6,177,021.

We thank you in advance and remain

Sincerely yours,

European  
PATENT ANNUITY SERVICE GmbH  
  
Christine Prell-Bscheid

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